

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 25, 2003

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Rolling Hills Estates was called to order at 7:52 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 4045 Palos Verdes Drive North, by MAYOR RAUCH.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR RAUCH led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

City Council Members Present: Addleman, Mitchell, Rauch, Seamans, Zuckerman

City Staff Present: Acting City Manager Sam Wise

City Attorney Richard Terzian

Planning Director David Wahba

Community Services Director Andy Clark

Others Present: Judy Bayer, Planning Commission

CEREMONIAL ITEMS

NONE

ROUTINE MATTERS

A. POLICY DEVELOPMENT SESSION MINUTES – MEETING OF MARCH 8, 2003

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL

TO APPROVE THE POLICY DEVELOPMENT SESSION MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2003, 2003 AS PRESENTED.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR RAUCH SO ORDERED.

B. CITY COUNCIL MINUTES – MEETING OF MARCH 11, 2003

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL

TO APPROVE THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2003 AS PRESENTED.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR RAUCH SO ORDERED.

C. DEMANDS AND WARRANTS – MONTH OF MARCH

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL

TO APPROVE WARRANTS 33376 THROUGH 33441 FOR A GRAND TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$175,176.18 WITH PROPER AUDIT.

AYES: Addleman, Mitchell, Rauch, Seamans, Zuckerman

CONSENT CALENDAR

MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN
TO APPROVE ITEMS A-E.

A.READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

APPROVED.

B.FEBRUARY 2003 SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

Recommendation: That the City Council receive and file the Schedule of Investments for the month of February, 2003.

C.CLAIM AGAINST THE CITY – HOWROYD

Recommendation: That the City Council send the standard letter of rejection to claimant.

REJECTED.

D.LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES PRIORITY FOCUS DATED MARCH 7, 2003

RECEIVED AND FILED.

E.LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES PRIORITY FOCUS DATED MARCH 14, 2003

RECEIVED AND FILED.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR RAUCH SO ORDERED.

AUDIENCE ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA/WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

A.PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES – MEETING OF MARCH 17, 2003

DEFERRED UNTIL AVAILABLE.

B.AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES TRANSITION PLAN ADOPTION

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt the Accessibility Transition Plan document prepared by V2C Group, Inc.

Community Services Director Clark provided a staff report (as per agenda material).

MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO ADOPT THE ACCESSIBILITY TRANSITION PLAN DOCUMENT PREPARED BY V2C GROUP, INC.

AYES:Addleman, Mitchell, Rauch, Seamans, Zuckerman

C.RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR PROPOSITION 12 BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2016 to approve the application for

Roberti-Z'Berg-Harris Block Grant Funds under the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2000.

Community Services Director Clark provided a staff report (as per agenda material).

1.RESOLUTION NO. 2016 FOR ADOPTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLING HILLS ESTATES APPROVING THE APPLICANT TO APPLY FOR THE ROBERTI-Z'BERG-HARRIS URBAN SPACE AND RECREATION GRANT PROGRAM UNDER THE SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS, CLEAN WATER, CLEAN AIR, AND COASTAL PROTECTION BOND ACT OF 2000.

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL

TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2016.

Acting City Manager Wise read Resolution No. 2016 by title only.

AYES:Addleman, Mitchell, Rauch, Seamans, Zuckerman

PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS

A.PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 43-02; APPLICANT: AJIM BAKSH; LOCATION: 4 HILLCREST MANOR

Recommendation: That the City Council: 1) Open the public hearing; 2) Take public testimony; 3) Close the public hearing; 4) Discuss the issue; and 5) Direct staff to prepare a resolution upholding the Planning Commission's decision denying a Neighborhood Compatibility Determination application and a Variance application to allow a block wall that exceeds 24" in height in the front yard area.

Planning Director Wahba reported that he received a request from the Applicant to continue the public hearing to April 22, 2003.

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS

TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR RAUCH SO ORDERED.

Stanley Lampport, Applicant's Attorney, requested continuing the public hearing to April 22, 2003.

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL

TO CONTINUE THE PUBLIC HEARING TO THE MEETING OF APRIL 22, 2003.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR RAUCH SO ORDERED.

NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

D.MUNICIPAL STABLES CONCEPTUAL SITE PLANS PROPOSAL

Recommendation: That the City Council approve Purkiss-Rose - RSI's proposal to develop Rolling Hills Estates Municipal Stables' conceptual site plans for both the renovation of the existing equestrian center and the development of a relocated equestrian center along Hawthorne Boulevard at a cost not to exceed \$25,000.

Community Services Director Clark provided a staff report (as per agenda material). He reported that the Equestrian Committee requested consideration of an additional alternative to include Crenshaw Boulevard.

MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL reported that the Equestrian Committee reached a consensus stating that the proposed scope of services may be premature at this time and that, although the Crenshaw Boulevard site is undesirable, Purkiss-Rose should be prepared to address this location in the Environmental Impact Report. She noted the Committee's desire to narrow the scope of the preliminary site plans, and if there was some urgency in moving forward, the City should be mindful of the costs involved. Additionally, she stated that when the EIR is undertaken, the consultant will be able to provide specific information.

Assistant City Manager Wise noted that staff discussed the scope of services and believed it should remain as broad as presented in order to determine whether or not the City is in a position to fund this project.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN inquired as to when the EIR would be completed. Assistant City Manager Wise noted it should become available over the next month. Additionally, COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN reported that the traffic study is due to be finalized soon.

Discussion continued with Community Services Director Clark stating the stables location is presently proposed for Hawthorne Boulevard as designed by the County. COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL noted that Purkiss-Rose should review the Hawthorne site thoroughly as it may not completely include seven acres of usable space.

MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL reiterated that the Equestrian Committee would prefer the Equestrian Center remain in its present location

Steve Rose, Purkiss-Rose, commented on the proposed seven acres for Hawthorne Boulevard noting that he would incorporate "good park and equestrian planning." He noted the Design Committee has done an extensive amount of work as well.

Mr. Rose pointed out that if the COUNCIL desires to consider the Crenshaw Boulevard site as an alternative, the cost would be a not-to-exceed amount \$6,000 for research and analysis, along with follow-up meetings.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN inquired if Purkiss-Rose has worked on County projects in the past. Mr. Rose responded that he has been involved in this field for 15 years and is quite familiar with the County process noting that he would represent the City in a very professional manner.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN then discussed the need for Completion and Performance Bonds for inclusion in the contract.

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN

TO APPROVE PURKISS-ROSE RSI'S PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP ROLLING HILLS ESTATES MUNICIPAL STABLES' CONCEPTUAL SITE PLANS FOR RENOVATION OF THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS: 1) THE EXISTING EQUESTRIAN CENTER; 2) RELOCATION OF THE STABLES ALONG CRENSHAW BOULEVARD; AND 3) RELOCATION OF THE STABLES ALONG HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$31,000.

AYES:Addleman, Mitchell, Rauch, Seamans, Zuckerman

E.REPLACEMENT OF THREE-RAIL FENCING

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the bid documents for the replacement of approximately 1,310 linear feet within the City's rights-of-way and to include any interested homeowners' association fence replacement projects as bid alternates.

Community Services Director Clark provided a staff report (as per agenda material).

MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL reiterated the need to include an insurance clause in the bid documents.

COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN moved, seconded by COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS

TO APPROVE THE BID DOCUMENTS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF APPROXIMATELY 1,310 LINEAR FEET WITHIN THE CITY'S RIGHTS-OF-WAY TO INCLUDE ANY INTERESTED HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION FENCE REPLACEMENT PROJECTS AS BID ALTERNATES.

AYES:Addleman, Mitchell, Rauch, Seamans, Zuckerman

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

NONE

CITY COUNCIL/REGIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS: This item provides the opportunity for Members of the City Council to provide information and reports to other Members of the City Council and/or the public on any issues or activities of currently active Council Committees, ad hoc committees, regional or state-wide governmental associations, special districts and/or joint powers authorities and their various committees on which Members of the City Council might serve or have an interest, which are not otherwise agendized.

A.COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS reported that she attended the Chandler Reuse Committee, along with MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL and Planning Director Wahba, noting that valuable input was received from the City of Torrance, Country Club Estates Homeowners' Association as well as other various HOAs.

MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL indicated that the Rolling Hills Country Club is about ready to retain a golf course design consultant. She noted the committee will meet again in June.

B.It was noted that MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL and COUNCILWOMAN SEAMANS will attend League of California Cities' committee meetings in Sacramento on March 27 and 28.

C.COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN noted he attended a meeting regarding the Los Angeles County Golf Course, along with MAYOR RAUCH, but had no information to report at this time.

D.MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL noted that an Equestrian Committee meeting took place on March 24 as previously discussed. She noted that the City Celebration was discussed and will forward their recommendations to the Park and Activities Commission.

E.MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL noted she will be attending the League of California Cities Employee Relations Committee and Environmental Quality Committee in Sacramento that will discuss policy issues pending legislation and report back to COUNCIL.

F.MAYOR RAUCH reported that she attended a Vector Control meeting noting that there has been a problem with a swarm of Africanized bees on Strawberry Lane. She noted that additional information regarding bee removal will be provided at City Hall.

G.MAYOR RAUCH noted that there was a lyme disease case identified where a child was infected by a tick and treated for that condition. She reiterated that individuals must protect themselves by making sure they are covered when walking or hiking.

H.MAYOR RAUCH reported that she attended a Sanitation Districts meeting noting that an increase will take place in 2004 and 2005 due to ongoing improvements.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL ITEMS: This item provides the opportunity for Members of the City Council to request information on currently pending projects and/or issues of public concern, direct that an item be

agendized for future consideration and/or make announcements of interest to the public.

A.COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN reported that a Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up will be held on May 17 at Rancho Palos Verdes City Hall.

B.MAYOR RAUCH announced that Disaster Preparedness Seminars will take place at the following locations: 1) City of Lomita – City Hall, March 25 at 7:00 p.m.; 2) Miraleste Intermediate School, March 26 at 7:00 p.m.; and 3) Hesse Park, March 27 at 7:00 p.m. She noted to contact Lomita Sheriff's Station at 539-1661 or City Hall for further information.

C.APPOINTMENT OF PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSIONER

Discussion ensued regarding the applications for this position with the COUNCIL noting that all candidates were extremely qualified to serve and encouraged them to apply if another opening should occur.

MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL moved, seconded by COUNCILMAN ADDLEMAN

TO APPOINT DALE ALLEN AS THE NEW PARK AND ACTIVITIES COMMISSIONER.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR RAUCH SO ORDERED.

D.APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW OF FUTURE USE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT CORNER OF PALOS VERDES DRIVE NORTH/PALOS VERDES DRIVE EAST

Brief discussion ensued regarding how the committee should be structured. It was the consensus of the COUNCIL to include two COUNCIL MEMBERS, two Park and Activities Commissioners, two Planning Commissioners and representatives from surrounding homeowners' associations.

Bob Bennett, Harbor Sight Homeowners' Association, commented that the Coalition met and noted their interest in being represented on this committee.

It was the consensus of the COUNCIL to appoint MAYOR PRO TEM MITCHELL and COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN to serve on this committee and send letters to the various homeowners' associations soliciting their input as to whom they would like to represent their neighborhood.

After brief discussion, it was the consensus of the COUNCIL

TO DIRECT STAFF TO SEND THE FOLLOWING HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS A LETTER OF INTEREST REGARDING THEIR PARTICIPATION ON THIS COMMITTEE: 1) BRIDLEWOOD; 2) COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES; 3) DAPPLEGRAY; 4) GEORGETTE CANYON; 5) HARBOR SIGHT; 6) LARGA VISTA; 7) MONTECILLO; AND 8) PALOS VERDES DRIVE NORTH.

THERE BEING NO OBJECTION, MAYOR RAUCH SO ORDERED.

CLOSED SESSION

A.CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

(Government Code Section 54956.8)

Property:2500 Palos Verdes Drive North

City Negotiator:Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell

Councilman Addleman

City Manager Prichard

Negotiating Parties:City and Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy

Under Negotiation:Negotiation of lease

NO FURTHER INFORMATION TO REPORT AT THIS TIME.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:22 p.m., MAYOR RAUCH formally adjourned the City Council meeting to April 8, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Submitted by,Approved by,

Hope J. NolanDouglas R. Prichard

Deputy City ClerkCity Clerk